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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOI COMPLAINT RE US FLAG VESSEL "WESTERN GEO-
PHYSICAL"

REF: TEL AVIV 875

1. DEPT CONTACTED MR. KRAMER OF PARENT WESTERN GEO-PHYSICAL CO., HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND INFORMED HIM OF CONTENTS REFTEL. KRAMER TOLD DEPT THAT SHIP IS CONDUCTING SURVEY FOR U.S. OIL CO., AMOCO. IT IS NOT SURVEYING IN ISRAELI-CONTROLLED WATERS, BUT BECAUSE IT IS TOWING MILE AND A HALF CABLE AND GULF OF SUEZ IS VERY NARROW IT MAY HAVE INADVERTENTLY TURNED IN WATERS UNDER CLAIMED ISRAELI CONTROL. SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE SURVEY FEBRUARY 10 AND SHOULD LEAVE AREA. KRAMER ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING SHIP.

2. FOR CAIRO: PLEASE CONTACT MR. JOHN MATTHEWSON HEAD
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WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL CAIRO OFFICE AT PHONE 30281 OR HOME

37869 AND RELAY REQUEST FROM MR. KRAMER THAT SHIP BE ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING ISRAELI CONTROLLED WATERS. APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY OBTAIN FROM MATTHEWSON RE CLAIMED VIOLATIONS, PARA 1 REFTEL.

3. FOR TEL AVIV: DEPT. HAS LEGAL ASPECT OF SITUATION UNDER REVIEW. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT CONTACT MFA ON THIS MATTER FOR TIME BEING. IF APPROACHED AGAIN, EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY WE ARE STUDYING MATTER AND REPORT TO DEPT. KISSINGER

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